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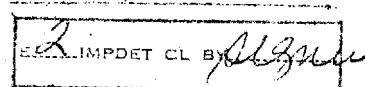
25X1 1. [] CG) Received a call from Bruce Lehman, House Judiciary Committee staff, who requested the cite of the statute containing CIA's charter. He also wished to register a complaint about a call he had placed earlier through the House operator to the CIA number listed in the House Directory. They apparently reached the wrong number and upon asking if the office was CIA, Lehman received "Sorry, I can't give out that information" for an answer. I assured Mr. Lehman that they had reached the wrong extension and apologized for the way the call had been handled. I later returned his call and gave him the cites of the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949.

25X1 2. [] - LLM) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and wanted to know if there was any commitment that could be referred to by Senator John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) that the Agency would not get into the type of domestic activities alleged in the weekend news stories. I referred Braswell to the 25 September 1974 exchange of correspondence on adherence to the letter of the Stennis bill (S. 2597) which in great part is devoted to the limiting of domestic activities. Braswell was unable to locate a copy and [] of our office read the letter for transcription by his office. 25X1 I assured Braswell that the story's basic thrust was grossly misled.

25X1 3. [] LLM) Hilda Schreiber, OMB, reported the outcome of the decisions made for the various independent retirement systems in connection with the recent overpayment of annuities due to an incorrect Consumer Price Index figure: Civil Service and DOD (for the military systems) will waive the overpayment, but the Foreign Service will require repayment on the basis that they have no legal authority to waive. This was reported to [] DDA. 25X1

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4. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Col. Clinton Granger, NSC staff, called in light of the press allegations over the weekend and wanted to know if we still wanted to press for a statement by the President on section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act as submitted to OMB, the National Security Council staff and others on 18 December 1974. Granger indicated that even before the disclosures, such a statement was meeting resistance in OMB, of which we were aware, and after consulting with the Director, I told Granger that we much appreciated his efforts but that we prefer to back off on pressing for a statement at this time and he said he would get the message across to OMB.

5. (Internal Use Only - LLM) [redacted] a lawyer within NSA, [redacted] called and wanted to discuss the ramifications of the Freedom of Information Act as well as the availability of intelligence on foreign control of various U.S. industries. [redacted] said he was separate from [redacted], normally worked with [redacted], AG/OGC. I said it would be more appropriate if he talked with a member of our General Counsel office. [redacted] said he would give Matelski a call.

6. (Confidential - JGO) In response to a call from L. James Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee, I met with Kronfeld, Max Stetner and William G. Phillips, Staff Director of the Subcommittee. Chairman William S. Moorhead (D., Pa.) has requested a detailed report of the Committee staff concerning the information provided the staff upon which he and Representative John N. Erlenborn (R., Ill.) had relied in their statements concerning Agency exemption from the privacy bill. If the press is to be believed, the information provided the Committee by [redacted] was faulty. I explained to Phillips et al that [redacted] is one of our most competent staff officers and that the information he had provided had been staffed out within the Agency and provided to [redacted] for his use with the Chairman and the Committee. I also pointed out that if there was error in the information, it is an error that is unknown at the present time to our office. I assured them from my knowledge that the information provided by [redacted] was essentially correct and the present press reports, in consequence, insofar as the existence of such files, would be in error. Phillips indicated that Chairman Moorhead has requested a report not later than Friday, 27 December. I told Phillips that [redacted] would be back from Christmas leave and in all probability would meet with them himself on Friday.

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